

CLAIMS

We claim:

1 1. A craft stencil, comprising:
2 a sheet of open mesh material;
3 a coating applied to portions of the mesh material, wherein
4 coated portions of the mesh material are substantially
5 impermeable to particulate matter and uncoated portions of the
6 mesh material define a pattern permeable to particulate material,
7 the pattern including at least one guideline;
8 whereby when the sheet is placed upon a workpiece and a
9 powder applicator is applied to the stencil, the powder passes
10 through the uncoated portions of the mesh material and transfers
11 the pattern to the workpiece.

1 2. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said at
2 least one guideline comprises at least one registration mark.

1 3. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said
2 pattern comprises at least one continuous line.

1 4. The craft stencil according to claim 3, wherein said at
2 least one guideline comprises at least one directional arrow
3 disposed on said at least one continuous line.

1 5. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said open
2 mesh material is a polyester monofilament mesh.

1 6. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said open
2 mesh material has a thread count of between about forty to one
3 hundred ninety threads per inch.

1 7. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said
2 coating is semi-transparent.

1 8. A method of making a craft stencil, comprising the steps
2 of:

3 providing an untensioned sheet of an open mesh material;
4 applying a single, thin layer of a photosensitive emulsion
5 to one side of said material;

6 overlaying said material with a transparent sheet, the
7 transparent sheet having a pattern opaquely printed on a surface
8 thereof, the pattern covering corresponding areas of said
9 material;

10 exposing areas of said emulsion not covered by said pattern
11 to light while leaving emulsion covered by said pattern
12 substantially unexposed;

13 removing said transparent sheet from said material; and
14 removing said unexposed emulsion from said material.

1 9. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim
2 8, wherein said pattern comprises at least one guideline.

1 10. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim
2 8, wherein said at least one guideline comprises at least one
3 registration mark.

1 11. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim
2 8, wherein said pattern comprises a plurality of lines.

1 12. The method of making a craft stencil 11, wherein said at
2 least one guideline comprises at least one directional arrow
3 disposed on at least one of said lines.

1 13. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim
2 8, wherein photosensitive emulsion is semi-transparent.

1 14. A craft stencil formed by the method of claim 8.

1 15. A method of using a craft stencil, comprising the steps
2 of:

3 providing a craft stencil, the craft stencil comprising a
4 sheet of open mesh material, there being a substantially
5 impermeable coating applied to portions of said material, whereby
6 remaining uncoated portions of the material define a pattern;

7 positioning said craft stencil on a surface of a workpiece;

8 applying a marking powder to said craft stencil, the marking
9 powder contacting the surface of said workpiece through said
10 uncoated areas of said craft stencil; and

11 removing said craft stencil from the surface of said
12 workpiece.

1 16. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim
2 15, wherein said marking powder is applied to the surface of said
3 workpiece using a marking powder applicator.

1 17. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim
2 16, wherein said marking powder contacts the surface of said
3 workpiece through said uncoated areas of said craft stencil.

1 18. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim
2 15, wherein said pattern includes at least one guideline.

1 19. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim
2 18, further comprising the step of using said at least one

3 guideline to align said craft stencil with markings or features
4 on the surface of said workpiece.